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Ketchum Administrative Site, Gas and Oil House  
(U.S. Forest Service Administrative Site, Building No. 1332)  
Sawtooth National Forest  
117 and 119 River Street  
Ketchum  
Blaine County  
Idaho

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

**WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA**

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Western Region  
Department of the Interior  
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**PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

**A. Physical History**

1. **Date(s) of erection:** 1938.
2. **Architect:** Probably George L. Nichols.
3. **Original and subsequent owners:** USDA Forest Service, 1938-1992; City of Ketchum, 1992-present.
4. **Builder, contractor, suppliers:** CCC labor?
5. **Original plans and construction:** R4-95, modified by replacing one of the two garage-type doors with a regular door.
6. **Alterations and additions:** An interior storage cabinet was added in the southwestern corner of the structure. The date of construction is unknown.

- B. Historical Context:** The building served as a gas and oil house and was constructed in 1938 in the northwestern section of the Ketchum Administrative compound. Original 1934 plans included construction of this structure.

**PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION**

**A. General Statement**

1. **Architectural character:** The structure is typical of Depression-Era Forest Service architecture in the Intermountain Region.
2. **Condition of fabric:** Structurally sound.

**B. Description of Exterior**

1. **Overall dimensions:** 16' 5" X 14' 5".
2. **Foundations:** Concrete.
3. **Walls.** Novelty siding, painted white. Green trim.
4. **Structural System, framing:** 2" x 4" wood stud braced frame.
5. **Porches, stoops, balconies, bulkheads:** None

6. **Chimneys:** None.

7. **Openings:**

a. **Doorways and doors:** There is one five-panel standard door and one 8 1/2' x 7 1/2' garage-type door in the east wall.

b. **Windows and shutters:** Originally there was one six-pane, fixed-sash window in the north wall and one in the south wall. The one in the south wall has been replaced with a new window which has only 4 panes.

8. **Roof:**

a. **Shape, covering:** The roof is gabled, with 2" x 4" rafters and 1" x 6" sheathing. The original wood shingles are still present and are painted green.

b. **Cornice, eaves:** Cornices are open, with dripping eaves.

c. **Dormers, cupolas, towers:** None.

#### C. Description of Interior

1. **Floor plans:**

a. **Basement:** None.

b. **First floor:** One single room containing one built in storage cabinet, constructed of plywood. There is also a built in barrel storage table on the south wall.

c. **Second floor:** None.

2. **Stairways:** None.

3. **Flooring:** Concrete.

4. **Wall and ceiling finish:** 1" x 8" horizontal boards, unpainted.

5. **Openings:**

a. **Doorways and doors:** None.

b. **Windows:** None.

6. **Decorative features and trim:** None.

7. **Hardware:** None notable.

**8. Mechanical equipment:**

- a. **Heating, air conditioning, ventilation:** No heating or air conditioning.
- b. **Lighting:** Electricity.
- c. **Plumbing:** No water or sewer.
- d. **Other:** A block and tackle located on the east end of the ceiling was used for lifting oil barrels onto the table.

**D. Site**

- 1. **General setting and orientation:** This structure is located in the northwest 1/4 of the compound and faces east toward the center of the compound.
- 2. **Historic landscape design:** See "Historical Sketch of the Ketchum Administrative Site," above.
- 3. **Outbuildings:** Seven other structures are a part of this complex. Each is documented separately.

**PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

- A. **Original Architectural Drawings:** Standard Plan R4-95 (from Anonymous 1935) is attached hereto.
- B. **Early Views:** A June, 1965 photo (with negative) is on file at the Ketchum District office.
- C. **Interviews:** None.
- D. **Bibliography**

**1. Primary and unpublished sources:**

- Anonymous  
1935      *Building Construction Manual*, revised edition. Ogden, Utah: USDA Forest Service, Region Four.
- n.d.b      "Administrative Site Improvement Plans." [Same as Anonymous n.d.a, but without photographs and with updated Ketchum building descriptions to 1939].
- Nichols, George L.  
1946      *Building Construction Handbook*. Ogden, Utah: USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region.

2. **Secondary and published sources:** None.

E. **Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated:** Local newspapers, National Archives.

F. **Supplemental Material:** Attached hereto: Photos taken by Eva Jensen, June 16, 1989.

#### **IV. PROJECT INFORMATION**

##### **A. Purpose of Documentation**

1. The Forest Service exchanged this property out of federal ownership on October 30, 1992. As no restrictive covenants were included, mitigation by HABS documentation is appropriate.

##### **B. Report Preparation**

2. Richard T. Malouf, Forest Archaeologist, Sawtooth National Forest, prepared the narrative and drawings September-October, 1992. Eva Jenkins, Weber State Archaeological Laboratory, prepared the photographs in June, 1989.

